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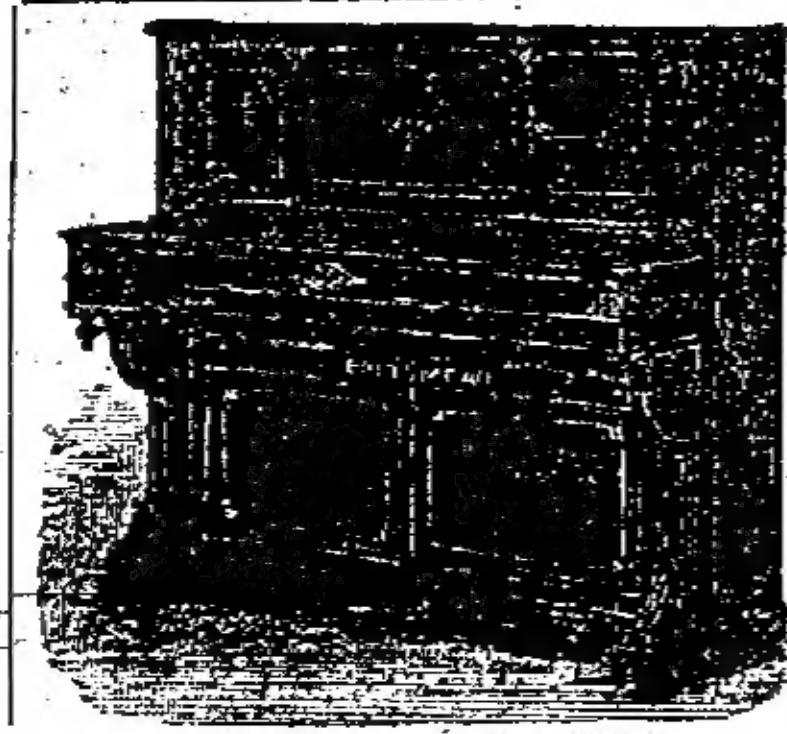
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1898, at 12.30 of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, HONGKONG, January 31, 1898. 299

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents for Hongkong & China, HONGKONG, January 26, 1898. 208

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1898.

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N'SAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA. Sunda. S. G. D. ANDREWS, R. N. R. About 5th March.

SHANGHAI. Thungh. S. BARKHAM. About 5th March.

N'SAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA. Roseda. E. P. BREHOF. Daylight, 6th March.

LONDON &c. Japan. T. LEIGH. About 10th March.

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S. & O. R. Co.'s Office, HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 20, 1898.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS

are requested to send in a sum equal to the Share Capital in the above Company to the SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY, on the 15th March, 1898, on or before the 15th March, on which date the Account will be closed.</

## To-day's Advertisements

**THE SECRET OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.**  
LECTURE BY MR. W. V. DRUMMOND.  
MR. W. V. DRUMMOND has kindly consented to deliver a Lecture upon "The SECRET of the BRITISH EMPIRE," in the Chamber of Commerce Room, at the City Hall, on SATURDAY, the 26th of February, at 3 p.m.  
His Excellency Major-General WILSON BLACK, G.B., will take the Chair. The General Public are invited to attend.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

Hongkong, February 24, 1898. 412

## EXCURSION TO MACAO.

GRANDE PROCESSION, &c., &c.  
THE River Steamer *TAI-ON*, Captain T. GALLECKE will leave CENTRAL MARKET WHARF, at 9 A.M., on SUNDAY, the 27th instant, for MACAO, and will return for Hongkong, at 10 P.M.  
The PORTUGUESE AMERICAN BANK will perform during the Trip.

REFRESHMENTS . . . . . \$2.  
TICKETS may be had at MESSRS. CAMPBELL MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, or on Board.

Hongkong, February 24, 1898. 415

## AN ORGAN RECITAL

Will be given by  
M. R. A. G. WARD,  
IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,  
ON MONDAY, FEB. 28TH, 1898,  
at 6.15 p.m.

VOCALIST—  
MISS VALLINGS.

During the Recital a Collection will be made in Aid of the Organ Fund.

Hongkong, February 24, 1898. 469

ZETLAND LODGE,  
No. 525 E.C.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Firemen's Hall, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 1st March, at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRITISHERS are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, February 24, 1898. 410

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 625 E.C.—  
AN EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FIREMEN'S HALL, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRITISHERS are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, February 24, 1898. 411

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LIMITED,  
NOTICE.

THE Twelfth Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 83 and 40, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 6th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th instant, to the 5th March, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
Governing Directors.

Hongkong, February 24, 1898. 416

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Alterations of Rates of Monthly Tickets

OWING to the Greatly Increased Cost of Coal, Superior Accommodation, and an Accelerated Service being Provided, I am unavoidably compelled to raise the Rates of MONTHLY TICKETS from the 1st of March, 1898, as under:

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FAMILY . . . . . \$9.00  
Servants are not included in Monthly TICKETS.

DORABEEK NOWROJEF,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1898. 414

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Ceres*, Captain T. F. FORGE, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon to-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have been delivered to the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st March will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st March.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 24, 1898. 403

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL  
The Steamship *Lydian*, Captain H. H. HAMMERAS, will be despatched for the above Ports on about the 1st March.

To be followed by:

S.S. *Urd*, on or about the 15th April.  
S.S. *Queen Mayfair*, on or about 16th May.  
S.S. *St. Ninian*, on or about 10th June.  
S.S. *Urquhart*, on or about 30th June.

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Hongkong, February 24, 1898. 104

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.	MESSAGES FOR TO-MORROW.
Australian Ports.	Africa (s).	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Mar. 5, daylight.	Shipping.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Sachsen (s).	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Mar. 1, at 9 A.M.	Daylight.—Thales leaves for Swatow, &c.
Korea and Yokohama.	Yamaguchi Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Mar. 17, at 4 p.m.	Noon.—Leimbro leaves for B'haiy.
London, v. Site Canal.	Nestor (s).	Butterfield & Swire.	March 1.	Noon.—Chansong leaves for T'iehia, &c.
London & Ports of Call.	Oceanic (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Mar. 19.	2 p.m.—Sinan leaves for Shanghai.
London & Ports of Call.	Oceanic (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 24.	3 p.m.—Menken leaves for Sandakan.
London & Ports of Call.	Oceanic (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 26, at noon.	4 p.m.—Oni Maru leaves for Australasia.
London & Ports of Call.	Oceanic (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 27.	4 p.m.—Dardanus leaves for Shanghai.
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.  
[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']London, 23rd February, 1898.  
GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN  
AFRICA.

Mr Chamberlain, speaking in the House of Commons, confirmed the telegram concerning Akasia, and added that he could not believe the French Government had authorized the invasion of territory which itself had recognized as British.

A Paris semi-official note says it is untrue that French troops are in the vicinity of Sokoto.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:

On the 24th at 11.35 a.m. Barometric changes are slight. Pressure remains high over Central China, with moderate gradients on the coast and rather steep gradients in the China Sea. Forecast:- fresh N., winds dull; some rain.

SUPREME COURT.  
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.  
(Before His Hon. A. G. Wise, Justice.)

Thursday, Feb. 24.

## THE INDIAN DRUGGISTS' CASE.

Noo Dina and Said Hussain, men of the Hongkong Regiment, were charged with manufacturing, storing, drug, datura salts, to an amount of the Regiment, on 16th January, and also with the larceny of twenty-four sovereigns.

They pleaded not guilty.

The following jurors were ampannelled:- Messrs J. T. da Silva, A. Petrie, P. M. da Graca, A. Abraham, C. Palmer, J. Kyler and Fung Tung.

Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney-General (instructed by Mr H. L. Denney, Crown Solicitor), prosecuted; Mr E. Robinson (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Gray) appeared for the defence.

## GEO. FENWICK &amp; CO., LIMITED.

The following is the Directors' report:-

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1897. The net profit for the year amounts to \$38,198.41, to which has to be added \$3,310.44 brought forward from last year's account. From this amount it is proposed to pay a dividend of 12 per cent., or \$18,000, to Shareholders, Auditor's Fee \$150, Directors' Fee \$1,000, transfer \$7,000.00 to Reserve Fund, and to carry forward the balance of \$17,336.85 to next year's account. The Work coming to the Company during the year has kept the staff and plant fully employed, while the new tools acquired and improvements in the arrangements of the whole property have enabled the work to be carried out in a better and more economical manner. The Kowloon land which belonged to the Company has been sold at a satisfactory price.

*Director.*-Mr W. Parlane, according to the Articles of Association, retires at this time, but offers himself for re-election.

*Advertiser.*-The Accounts have been audited by Mr T. Arnold, who offers him self for re-election.

WM. PARLANE,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1898.

## AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Amoy, February 21.

## A PIRATE SYNDICATE.

Owing to the recent fall in Exchange and the enhanced cost of living, rumour has it that a Syndicate is in existence, headed by two Customs Officials intimately associated with several other kindred spirits in the Service, for the purpose of vending the latest news, obtained through Reuter's Telegrams, on the cheap. The opinion is generally shared that if such a Syndicate actually exists, some means should be devised to stop these piratical attempts at obtaining news of the outside world on disproportionate terms, or even at the 50 cent-per-capita touch. Such a line of defence would do good in administering a wholesome lesson in equality, virtue, and public-spiritedness.

## A VILELL ATTACK ON THE COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY.

A reverend gentleman newly arrived from home, and connected with one of the Protestant missions, preached last Sunday for the first time in Kuanlung Chapel. Many of his hearers must have been struck with a few of his utterances while engaged in prayer, announced in stentorian tones, and appealing to the Almighty to look with mercy upon those of his fellow-countrymen occupied in these parts with the worldly spirit of money-getting, and that equity and justice might be maintained between man and man. This is little else than giving the soft impeachment to Britons of immoral trading, and anything but complimentary to those engaged in commercial pursuits. These remarks are indeed unkind, coming as they do from the lips of a man who is at the present incapable of forming an unbiased opinion.

## THE MAN'S DELATE.

Your Postmaster General appears to be suffering from the disease of gross corporal. The home mail was delivered in Hongkong at 11 a.m. on the 16th inst., and since then the *Hirsham*, *Yankee* and *Java* have arrived in port minus the mail. Such treatment at the hands of Government servants is nothing short of scandalous.

## LETTER.

Since the above was written the *Java* has arrived, but is reported to have no mail on board!

Local Composers, 5 Places, by Orange, Wards, etc. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00.- Robinson Piano Company.

Old Dr. Gresham (to medical students).- And now, remember that to a physician himself it devils into two distinct identities, and what are these? about the Dr. Gresham? - The poor old man

## MR WHITHEAD ON THE WAR PATH.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER ON THE PROTEST.

At yesterday's meeting of Council, Hon.

T. Sercombe Smith seconded *pro forma*

the resolution proposed by Hon. T. H.

Whithead, to secure an opportunity of

replying to the charges contained in the

letters read by Mr Whithead.

Mr Smith said:- Your Excellency, by your permission, I second this resolution. Sir,

at a meeting of the Public Works Committee, held on 13th January of this year,

there was submitted to the Committee by the first

public officer of the colony, to wit, H.E.

the Governor; the scheme emanates from a high public officer, to wit

the Director of Public Works; it involves the expenditure of public money; and it is

entitled to the name of a Public Work.

At that meeting, Sir, after some

amount of discussion, I moved, and the

hon. member Mr Bellis accompanied the

scheme of the Hon. Director of Public

Works to my office, and I gave him

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1898.

## Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.	
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....	£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED.....	£1,25,000
PAID UP.....	£ 52,500
RESERVE FUND.....	£ 10,000
BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.	
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.	
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:-	
For 12 Months .....	4%
" 6 " .....	3 1/2
" 3 " .....	2 1/2
J. THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.	
HONGKONG, December 1, 1897.	2340

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.	
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853. HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.	

CAPITAL PAID UP.....	£500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....	£500,000
RESERVE FUND.....	£ 375,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.	
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%	

" "	6 " 3 1/2
" 3 " .....	2 1/2

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager,	
Hongkong, June 2, 1897.	846

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.	
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$10,000,000. RESERVE FUND..... \$ 8,000,000. RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS..... \$10,000,000.	

COURT OF DIRECTORS:-	
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Shanghai—T. JACKSON, Esq.	
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND JUNIOR BANKING CO., LTD.	

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.	
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.	

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:-	
For 3 months 2 1/2 per cent, per annum.	

" 6 " .....	3 1/2
" 12 " .....	4 "

T. JACKSON,	
Chief Manager.	

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.  
Corrected to Saturday, February 19, 1898.  
At 1890 Cash per Dollar Mexican.  
Chinese Name  
Highest, Lowest  
Cash, Cash.

## Butcher Meat.

## 肉食

Bacon, English,	lb.	40	來路烟猪肉
" " Anna. Sugar cured,	lb.	320	花旗烟猪肉
" " Foochow,	"	240	福州烟猪肉
" " Japan, cured,	"	—	日本烟猪肉
beef, sirloin & prime cut, fatty	lb.	160	尾龍扒
Corned,	" fatty	160	鹹牛肉
" Roast,	"	160	燴牛肉
Soup,	"	120	湯肉
Steak,	"	160	牛肉
Bullock's Brains,	per set	50	牛腦
" Tongue fresh, each	380	牛舌	
" corned "	400	鹹牛舌	
Head,	"	400	牛頭
Heart,	"	170	牛心
Hump, Salt	catty	180	牛肩
Foot,	each	60	牛腳
Kidneys,	"	60	牛腎
Tail,	"	120	牛尾
Liver,	" catty	100	牛肝
Trips (undressed) catty	60	牛肚	
Calves Head and Feet, set	550	牛仔頭脚	
Hams, American,	lb.	520	花旗火腿
" Chinese,	"	330	金華火腿
" English, New,	"	470	來路火腿
" Japan cured,	"	—	日本火腿
" Shanghai,	"	240	上海火腿
Mutton Chop,	"	100	羊排
" Leg,	"	200	羊腿
" Shoulder,	"	180	羊手
Pigeon Chittlings	" catty	70	鵝掌
" Foot,	"	150	鵝腳
Fry,	"	100	鵝油
Head,	each	600	鵝頭
Heart,	"	50	鵝心
Kidneys,	pair	70	鵝腎
Liver,	lb.	100	鵝肝
Pork Chop,	" catty	20	豬排
Corned,	"	200	豬瘦肉
Leg,	"	180	豬腿
Fat or Lard,	"	180	豬油
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	650	羊頭腳	
Heart,	each	90	羊心
Kidneys,	"	100	羊腎
Liver,	lb.	150	羊肝
Sucking Pigs,	each \$1.75-\$1.25	乳猪仔	
Suet, Beef,	lb.	120	牛油
Mutton,	"	180	生牛油
Veal,	" catty	160	牛仔肉

## Poultry.

## 生口

Chicken,	"	catty	230	雞仔
Capon,	"	280	雞鴨	
Ducks,	"	100	鴨子	
Doves,	"	each	—	鳩
Eggs, Hen,	doz.	180	雞蛋	
" Duck,	"	100	鴨蛋	
Powls,	"	210	鷺鷥	
Grease,	"	100	鴨油	
Hares,	"	each 40	兔	
Musk Deer,	"	\$2.50	麝香	
Pigeons,	"	240	鴿子	
Pheasants,	pair	850	雉	
Pheasant,	brace	900	雉	
Rock Birds,	doz.	—	山鶯	
Quail,	each	180	山雞	
Ships,	"	100	船	
Turkey, Cock,	" catty	870	火雞	
" Hen,	"	500	母火雞	
Teal,	"	each 450	水鴨	
Wild Ducks,	" pair	750	野鴨	

## Fish.

## 魚

Barbel,	"	catty	150	鮑魚
Bream,	"	80	鯉魚	
Bombay Ducks,	pieces	850	孟加拉鴨	
Otoc Fresh Water Fish,	each	100	鰐魚	
Carp,	"	100	鯉魚	
Catfish,	"	—	鯰魚	
Orata,	"	130	鰐魚	
Ottole Fish,	"	140	鰐魚	
Dab,	"	100	鰐魚	
Dace,	"	90	鰐魚	
Dog Fish,	"	—	鰐魚	
Eels, Conger,	"	—	鰐魚	
" Fresh-water,	"	180	鰐魚	
Eels, Yellow,	"	180	鰐魚	
Filie Fish,	"	—	鰐魚	
Frog,	"	250	鰐魚	
Fresh Fish,	"	110	鰐魚	
Gourami,	"	80	鰐魚	
Hudgeroo,	"	60	鰐魚	
Herring,	"	50	鰐魚	
" mackerel	box	—	鰐魚	
Habitat,	"	150	鰐魚	
Lobster,	"	13	鰐魚	
Loach,	"	150	鰐魚	
Lobster,	"	150	鰐魚	
Mackerel,	"	—	鰐魚	
Mark Fish,	"	900	鰐魚	
Mullet,	"	100	鰐魚	
Orata,	"	150	鰐魚	
Potash,	"	150	鰐魚	
Finger,	"	150	鰐魚	

Pike,	"	catty	—	花旗魚
Plaice,	"	—	白旗魚	
Pomfret, White	"	180	黑旗魚	
Pomfret, Black	"	120	黑旗魚	
Prawns,	"	250	明蝦	
Ray,	"	300	琵琶沙	
Rock Fish,	"	60	石狗公	
Roach,	"	—	鯉魚	
Salmon, (Canton)	"	200	鮭魚	
Shark,	"	50	鯊魚	
Salt Fish,	"	100	鹽魚	
Skate,	"	60	鰐魚	
Shrimps,	"	180	蝦	
Snapper,	"	250	立魚	
Soles,	"	140	鱈魚	
Tench,	"	120	鯽魚	
Turbot,	"	100	左口魚	
Turtle, small, fresh water,	"	300	水魚	

## THE 'ODD VOLUMES.'

## LECTURE ON THE SIKHS, BY COLONEL RETALICK.

Last night, in the City Hall, Lieut.-Colonel Retallick, of the Hongkong Regiment, delivered a lecture before the 'Odd Volumes,' entitled 'The Habits and Customs of the Sikhs.' There was a good attendance.

Lt.-Colonel O'Gorman, D.A.G.A., presided, and made a few introductory remarks.

Colonel Retallick said he was afraid the majority of people in the East had got so accustomed to referring to every Indian in uniform as a Sikh that they failed to grasp the difference (really well-marked) between such of the races of India as came within their view. He recollects how very much struck the officers of the Hongkong Regiment were on their first arrival here with the Regiment at the inevitable remark, 'Four men are all Sikhs aren't they?' or else, 'What a fine body of Sikhs you have collected!'—the fact being that there was not then a single Sikh in the Regiment. (There are only five out of 900 odd now.) The question naturally arose 'What is a Sikh?' A categorical answer would be, 'A Sikh is a member of a creed, which, starting in its infancy as a sect of reformed Hindus, has now assumed almost the aspect of a separate religion. He does not become a Sikh (or Singh), as we know them, until he has been duly baptised into the faith; and therefore the Sikhs cannot be called exactly a nation, although religion has imparted such marked characteristics to its followers as amount to almost national traits.' The lecturer then outlined the broad practical matters of everyday life that differentiate a Sikh from a Mahomedan or a Hindu, and passed on to the history of this warlike race, which had its origin in the fifteenth century, as the outcome of the personal exertion of one Nanak, a Hindu village official. This man afterwards became an ascetic, and endeavoured to raise Hinduism from the degraded forms of superstition and polytheism, into which it had fallen, to a higher doctrinal ideal and a purer morality. Under his fostering care, the sect increased in numbers and in power. Nanak died in 1538, was succeeded by nine Gurus, the fifth of whom collected into one volume the writings of Nanak and other saints and religious poets. This volume was recorded in the popular tongue, Punjabi dialect, and is known as the Adi Granth. Colonel Retallick traced the gradual growth of the aggressive sect down to its worthiness, after fifty years ago, by the British forces, and reminded his hearers that this old story became modern history when they remembered that the Prince whom Duleep was made a general in the fashionable intelligence of last week's mail papers was the son of the deposed Duleep Singh, the last scion of the Sikhs (now the 10th) also stoned proof against attack and saved the Allahabad Fort from falling down to the present day. When almost every item of news from the frontier of India conveys a fresh tale of defeat, alike against assault and intrigue, against the seductions and the taunts of their co-religionists in the rebel ranks, showed their staunch fidelity, —when the loyalty of Bazaar's Sikhs (now the 16th) also stood proof against attack and saved the Allahabad Fort from falling down to the present day. When almost every item of news from the frontier of India conveys a fresh tale of defeat, alike against assault and intrigue, against the seductions and the taunts of their co-religionists in the rebel ranks, showed their staunch fidelity, —when the loyalty of Bazaar's Sikhs (now the 16th) also stood proof against attack and saved the Allahabad Fort from falling down to the present day. 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